

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is upsetting, indeed. This is not an issue of left vs. right or one ideology over another - the process of this is what is so repugnant. As a patriotic American, I am furious that the public airways are being abused by corporate interests. This is a clear illustration of the danger brought about by media consolidation, and I urge you to take steps to correct not only the immediate threat from Sinclair, but the long-term threat to the public trust brought about by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.